

Agee's Magazine Promotes KGB Forgery

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The manner in which the Soviet Union attempts to sow confusion in the West—and gets assistance from elements in the target area—has recently been exposed by the House Intelligence Committee.

The House committee is looking into the case of an alleged "top secret" document from the Department of the Army, setting forth methods of subverting democracy in various nations of the globe in hot pursuit of American interests. This document, dated March 18, 1970, and bearing the purported signature of Gen. William C. Westmoreland, then Army chief of staff, has been getting considerable play in left-wing journals around the world.

Here in the United States, the document is featured in the current issue of something called the "Covert Action Information Bulletin," a publication devoted to attacking American intelligence services and exposing U.S. intelligence operatives. Members of the editorial board include CIA defector Philip Agee, National Lawyers Guild attorney William Schaap, and others of known left-wing credentials.

The CAIB exploits the alleged Westmoreland missive in a headline bannered across its January cover: "Exclusive: Top Secret U.S. Army Memo on Infiltrating and Subverting U.S. Allies." Inside, the memo is described as making it "abundantly clear that it is U.S. policy to work behind the backs of the host country military and intelligence agencies, indeed...to infiltrate them."

The memo purports to be a secret supplement to an Army field manual concerning the conduct of U.S. forces in foreign countries. The language is archly propagandistic, as in the statement that "U.S. concern for world opinion is better satisfied if regimes enjoying U.S. support observe democratic processes, or at least maintain a democratic facade"; however, if a democratic structure does not produce an "anti-Communist posture," then "serious attention must be given to possible modifications of the structure."



A dubious document bearing the purported signature of Gen. Westmoreland (above) is the basis of CIA defector Agee's (below) magazine's allegations of U.S. subversion of allied nations.



The memo then suggests that where host country governments are not sufficiently tough against insurgent elements, American operatives should infiltrate the insurgent groups and act as agents provocateurs to create more conflict, including acts of violence. Utilization of "ultra-leftist organizations" in this respect is recommended. Also, Westmoreland allegedly tells his underlings to consider efforts to "gain access" to archives of countries that have not made such archives officially

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